

# ADVOCATE DRUM



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### **ADVOCATE DRUM ANNOUNCES EDUCATION SURVEY**

**WATERTOWN, NY November 5, 2018** – Advocate Drum (Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization) Education Committee has been working with the JCC Center for Community Studies on a plan to survey families regarding their perception of area schools. The survey will provide a wealth of information about families' thoughts on a variety of quality indicators relating to schools and will be launched right after Veterans' Day.

The brief survey, which will be open until just after Thanksgiving, will provide Advocate Drum with solid, scientifically gathered and analyzed data that will indicate families' thoughts and feelings about a variety of qualities that indicate the strength and health of educational institutions.

Both military and non-military families will have the opportunity to participate in the voluntary survey, which should only take about ten minutes to complete. Once the survey period is over, representatives from the Center for Community Studies will compile and analyze the results, which will be shared with Advocate Drum in the Spring of 2019.

The data is expected to be very useful in future situations in which military installations are compared against one another (whether it be a future BRAC round, or a period of consideration with regard to troop levels at various installations). The quality of educational systems in a region is considered a significant factor when such decisions are made at the national level, so Advocate Drum will be at a distinct advantage in making the case for Fort Drum with further scientifically collected and analyzed data in hand.

The survey will be distributed by Advocate Drum to area schools, which will distribute it to their families via email. Those wishing to complete the survey will simply click on an electronic link in an email or on the school's website.